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Please permit the following to be entered as part of the public comment period concerning the Microsoft case. As the director of a small, not-for-profit arts council, I must always watch the bottom line. It has been my feeling for a number of years that Microsoft forces me into an all-or-nothing deal every time I must make careful consideration of my agency's evolving technology needs. I am forced to buy what I do not need and, at the peril of compromising a very imbedded operating system, compelled to remove those unwanted programs in order not to have my hard drive uselessly gobbled up.

Please consider seriously the following constraints upon Microsoft:

1. Prevent an extension of Microsoft's monopoly by placing Microsoft products as extra-cost options in the purchase of new computers, so that the user who does not wish to purchase them is not forced to do so.
2. The specifications of Microsoft's present and future document file formats must be made public, so that documents created in Microsoft applications may be read by programs from other makers, on Microsoft's or other operating systems.
3. Any Microsoft networking protocols must be published in full and approved by an independent network protocol body.

Thank you.

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